

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 42, line 25 to page 43 line 6 with the following paragraph:

It is noted that U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/159,085 (previously incorporated by reference) includes, as Attachment A, a document entitled, "Dynamic Channel Change Proposal for DOCSIS 1.1", by John T. Chapman. It is to be noted that the Dynamic Channel Change Proposal of Attachment A has been drafted as a proposal for incorporation into the current DOCSIS 1.1 standard. For this reason, the language describing the dynamic channel change proposal has been drafted using a format similar to that of the current DOCSIS specification, whereby a specific embodiment of the DOCSIS standard is defined using absolute and unambiguous terms (such as, for example, the terms "must" and "shall"). It will be appreciated, therefore, that the Dynamic Channel Change Proposal of Attachment A merely defines a specific embodiment of the dynamic channel change technique of the present invention. Alternate embodiments of the dynamic channel changing technique of the present invention may be derived by modifying various features of the specific embodiment defined by the dynamic channel change proposal described herein. Such modifications will be apparent to one having ordinary skill in the art.